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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to an applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Nicole Gathy on January 8, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

Claim 1. A siding trim element comprising:

A traversing element with at least two projecting elements projecting outwardly therefrom, said traversing element and said at least two projecting elements forming at least two recesses which receive and retain one or more siding panel elements, each of said at least two projecting elements comprising a flange formed integral with an end of each of said at least two projecting elements,

wherein a portion of each of said flange is substantially perpendicular to said traversing element and another portion of said flange is substantially parallel with said traversing element,

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wherein said at least two recesses bias against said one or more panel elements to soundly retain said one or more siding panel elements therein, and

wherein said traversing element forms a rear portion of said one of said at least two recesses and a side portion of another of said at least two recesses.

Claims 3, 6, and 10-20 have been cancelled.

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

Claim 7. The siding trim of claim 1, wherein said at least two recesses open at substantially right angles to each other.

CONCLUSION

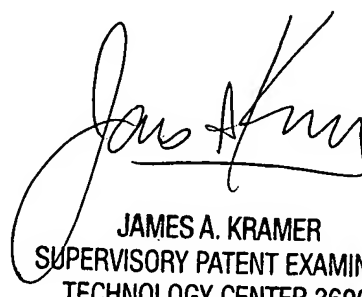
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